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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests the Examiner consider references which have been cited in the corresponding German Examination Procedure.

- EP 1 329 280 discloses a method and apparatus for welding, soldering or cutting. The workpiece is moved relative to a fixed processing unit. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.
- DE 198 14 272 discloses a method for welding steel sheet billets together. The reference discloses a transfer turntable 5 with a workpiece carrier device 1-4 wherein there is movement to a welding point 14. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.
- DE 195 26 466 discloses a process for the transportation of sheet metal for cutting or welding. The document corresponds to U.S. 6,156,996 which is also cited on the attached

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PTO-1449 form. Further, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 100 50 263 discloses a system for focusing a light beam of a laser. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.
 - US 2001/0017291 discloses a multiple beam laser welding apparatus.
 - US 2002/0170889 discloses a laser welding method and apparatus.
 - U.S. 6,072,149 discloses a laser beam welding apparatus.
 - U.S. 5,359,872 discloses a method and apparatus for sheet metal processing.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have been cited in the International Search Report as follows:

- EP 0 857 536 discloses a laser beam welding apparatus. The reference is in English. The reference has been cited under Categories X and Y with the whole document indicated to be relevant to several claims from the International Application.
- The Publication by John Macken "Remote Laser Welding" has been cited under Category X with the entire document indicated to be relevant to several claims of the International Application.
- U.S. 6,204,469 discloses a laser welding system. This reference has been cited under Category Y with the whole document indicated to be relevant to International claims 3 and 11.
- EP 1 228 833 discloses a laser welding method and apparatus. This reference is in English. The reference has been cited under Category X with the whole document indicated

to be relevant to International claims 1 and 10.

- U.S. 4,654,505 discloses a multi-point laser beam welding installation for vehicle bodies. The reference has been cited under Category X with the whole document indicated to be relevant to INTERNATIONAL claims 1 and 10.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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